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RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir.

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2004, please consider the following response to the Species Requirement. Please provide any additional extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees due or credit any payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include payment of issue fees.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has required the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect between species A-F for prosecution on the merits. Applicant elects with traverse the species of Group A for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-17 are readable on Species A. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-25 are readable on the elected species.

The Applicant respectfully requests further examination and the issuance of a timely Notice of Allowability for the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that there are any matters that can be resolved by a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome said call.

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